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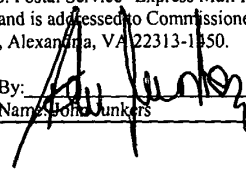
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: NISHIHARA et al.
Docket No.: 10873.788USC2
Title: INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM AND METHOD FOR
PRODUCING THE SAME, AND METHOD FOR RECORDING/
REPRODUCING INFORMATION THEREON

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

Mail Stop CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is not provided because it was previously cited by or submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/943,327 filed on August 29, 2001.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

Japanese reference 10-112028 corresponds with U.S. 6,143,468.

Japanese reference 11-195243 corresponds with U.S. 6,221,455.

Japanese reference 2000-36130 corresponds with EP 0 957 477.

No representation is made that a reference is "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and Applicants reserve the right, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, to establish that the reference(s) are not "prior art." Moreover, Applicants do not represent that a reference has been thoroughly reviewed or that any relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

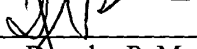
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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		"Basic and Application of Optical Disk Storage" by Yoshito Tsunoda et al., The Institute of Electronics, Information and Communication Engineers, 1995, Chapter 2 with partial English translation					
		"Wave Optics" by Hiro Kubota, Iwanami-Shorten, 1971, Chapter 3 with partial English translation					

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